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DURING PERIOD OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S MEETING WITH SYRIAN PRES-
IDENT ASAD, ISA SABBAGH SUGGESTED TO SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE
THAT A GOOD, BRIEF, ENTERTAINING INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM AND THE
PENINSULA WOULD BE THE FAMOUS ARAMCO FILM, "THE ISLAND OF
ALLAH" THAT ISA PLAYED THE LEADING ROLE OF THE BEDUIN AND NARRATED
SOME YEARS AGO. IT HAS BEEN WIDELY SHOWN AROUND THE ARAB
WORLD AND ALSO IN THE WEST. I HAVE SEEN IT SEVERAL TIMES
AND FOUND IT EXCELLENT. ARAMCO'S REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON,
JIM KNIGHT, HAS A COPY AND ARAMCO SAYS HE WOULD BE GLAD TO
LEND IT FOR YOUR VIEWING. ARAMCO HAS ALSO JUST COMPLETED A 35-
MINUTE COLOR DOCUMENTARY ENTITLED, "ARAMCO SAUDI ARABIA."
THE FILM IS SAID TO BE BEAUTIFULLY PHOTOGRAPHED AND GIVES A
GOOD PORTRAYAL OF MODERN SAUDI ARABIA AND ARAMCO'S EXTRAORDINARY
ROLE IN ITS DEVELOPMENT. ARAMCO BELIEVES THIS, TOO, WOULD BE VERY
APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL FOR YOU AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN THE CROWN
PRINCE'S TRIP. KNIGHT ALSO HAS A COPY OF THIS FILM.
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